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PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ENDANGERED PLANTS

Public hearings will be held in four cities across the Nation to hear from the public regarding the proposed listing of over 1,700 U.S. plant species as endangered, the proposal that 74 foreign plant species are endangered, and the proposed regulations for plants.

The cities are Honolulu, El Segundo (near Los Angeles), Kansas City, and Washington, D.C. They were chosen as high impact areas or geographically convenient areas for the proposals to be considered.

Since the final decisions resulting from these plant proposals will be the first application of the provisions of the Endangered Species Act to plants, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is especially interested in obtaining as wide and comprehensive public participation as possible.

Views and opinions of any person, presented either orally or in writing, are hereby solicited on these various proposals. Persons wishing to testify in person should contact the individual indicated in the appropriate entry below.

Persons who have submitted their views in response to the request for comments published in the Federal Register entries indicated above need not repeat these views at the public hearings unless they so desire.

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DATES, LOCATIONS, AND CONTACT PERSONS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
July 14, 1976 9 a.m.	Kamehameha Ballroom 1 & 2 Surfrider Hotel 2353 Kalakaua Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii	Mr. Eugene Kridler Hawaiian Life Bldg. 1311 Kapiolani, Room 606 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 Ph: 808/546-5615
July 22, 1976 9 a.m.	South Starlight Room Hacienda Motel 525 Sepulveda Boulevard El Segundo, California	Mr. Gene Wilson U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 400 Oceangate, Suite 1000 Long Beach, California 90802 Ph: 213/436-1183
July 28, 1976 9 a.m.	European Room Hilton Airport Plaza Inn 8801 N.W. 112th Street Kansas City, Missouri	Mr. Tom Saunders U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 601 East 12th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64104 Ph: 816/374-5951
August 4, 1976 9 a.m.	Auditorium General Services Building 18th & F Streets, N.W. Washington, D.C.	Mr. John Paradiso Office of Endangered Species 1612 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240 Ph: 202/343-7814

Individuals may also forward written comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 19183, Washington, D.C. 20036. Any such comments received through 4 p.m., August 14, 1976, will be incorporated into the records of these hearings and such information will be considered by the Service in arriving at final decisions on the proposals.

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